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**Tuesday, January 27th
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING**

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 27th, 6:45 pm*
At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Guest Speakers from the City of Renton:
Doug Jacobson – Deputy Public Works Administrator

The City of Renton hired a transportation engineering firm to conduct a detailed traffic analysis of future transportation needs along Lake Washington Blvd., between North Park Drive and N. 44th Street. The study analyzed the traffic impacts of six proposed developments in this area for near-term conditions and under 2035 traffic conditions with and without additional traffic lanes along I-405. Doug's presentation will share the results of this analysis, and the proposed street improvements identified that will be required to help mitigate the additional trips generated by these developments

Jonathan Wilson - Renton Airport Manager

The Airport has contracted with Mead and Hunt to update the Airport's existing Master Plan. Master Plans are comprehensive studies that describe the short, medium, and long term development alternatives to meet an Airport's likely future aviation demand. Master Plans are typically updated every 20 years. Renton Airport's last Master Plan was completed in 1997.

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this Quarterly Meeting, and we encourage your participation in the Q&A Sessions that will follow both presentations!

* Check-in and socialize with your neighbors at 6:45 pm; meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm

PSE "ENERGIZE EASTSIDE" FINAL REPORT

As many of you who have been involved in our community's response to PSE's project already know, the possible choice of the SE Lake Washington shoreline (the former Railroad right-of-way, identified by PSE as "Segment L") for installation of tall new electrical transmission towers was eliminated from further consideration in October, by Community Advisory Group (CAG) members. In making this decision, I and a majority of the other CAG members used impact data provided by PSE and input from neighborhood residents to make this decision. PSE had also been scientifically tracking feedback from all eastside neighborhoods. In short, a cohesive effort by organized neighborhoods can make a difference.

Marlene Winter, a long-time resident and member of KNA, sums it up very well, as follows:

"The PSE CAG decision (regarding Segment L) could not have happened without KNA to keep us informed, to organize us, and spend countless hours representing our interests. So, now we have learned the power of community. It is time for all of us to show our appreciation and sign on to become part of KNA. To expand on Marlene's statement, I want to acknowledge the excellent work done by the Lake Lanes community along the shoreline north of the Renton City Limits. Their work in getting strategies established within their neighborhood and in working closely with us was crucial to the effort. My sincere thanks to all who participated, and I will be sending you an email to express my appreciation directly.

Darius Richards, KNA Treasurer and neighborhood representative to the PSE CAG

KNA thanks our 2014 Retirees

The KNA Board extends our sincere thanks for the dedicated service of the following Board members, who retired in 2014:

Jon Danielson – Jon has been a long-time member of KNA. In 2009, he joined the Board and served as our Secretary through the end of 2011. In addition to assisting in many of our events and activities, he and his wife Marilyn also chaired our Ice Cream Socials in July and August of every year, serving as planners and host/hostess for these events.

Todd Hobart - Todd joined our Board in 2013 and immediately took on the role of administrating KNA's website and our Facebook Page. He used his expertise to completely revamp both into the best appearing sites that we have ever had, and has worked diligently since then to make sure that the sites are up-to-date. Todd also implemented the capability for people to join or renew their KNA memberships through the site, using PayPal.

Cecelia Sanchez – Cece started her service on the Board in 2011 as one of our Youth Board members, bringing with her the fresh and enthusiastic perspective of a high school senior. In that year, she created KNA's Annual Food Drive, and served as its chairperson through 2013.

Nico Tileston – Nico joined the KNA Board in 2014, and provided valuable assistance in a number of KNA's events throughout the year.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KNA PRESIDENT....

Happy New Year to all! It's been a good year in Kennydale, and I want to thank all who have made it so: All of our members, some of whom have been with us for many years; our talented and dedicated KNA Board members for their hard work, our advertisers who provide us with the means to bring this newsletter to you, our committee chairpersons, and the City of Renton for all of the support and guidance it provides through its Neighborhoods Program. We also thank and welcome our neighbors who have joined KNA in 2014, for the first time.

For those of you who have not joined, here are some good reasons to do so now:

- It confirms that you care about your neighborhood
- It helps cover the cost of our communications to and from you (website, emails, neighborhood meetings, newsletter, etc)
- It helps pay for activities and events (see the 2015 calendar on Page 3)
- It provides all residents with a common voice on matters that can improve or degrade the quality of life in Kennydale (PSE's electric transmission line proposal, for example)

Joining is inexpensive and easy; a membership Application & Interest form is provided for you on page 3!

One of my goals in 2014 was to encourage Kennydale residents to get to know your neighbors and increase neighborhood awareness by forming Block Watch Committees. To start one on your street, contact Cyndie Parks, Community Program Coordinator for the Renton Police Dept., at cparks@rentonwa.gov. Personal safety is also a concern to many residents. The City of Renton offers a free 12 week Police Academy course in the spring and fall. You learn all the aspects of the City, and even get to drive around with a police officer towards the end of the course.

I have registered for the spring session which starts on March 5! If you too are interested, call 425-430-7520. Hope to see you there!

Several women in the neighborhood including myself recently completed a 12-hour Women's Self Defense course sponsored by the Normandy Police Dept. I highly recommend it for women of all ages, to learn techniques to better protect themselves.

Please call me at 425-430-4469 if you are interested in learning more.

Ensuring the safety and survival of your entire family in the event of a major disaster (particularly earthquakes, in our region) seems like a distant priority,, but this deserves your full attention. The Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy offers classes, and some of them are free; call 425-430-7054 or email judge@rentonwa.gov for more details. This year, KNA plans to reactivate its E.P. Committee.

Check out our 2015 Calendar, visit our website at www.kennydale.org, and have a great year!

~ Vicki Richards, KNA President

**Warm Weather, Warm Fire, Warm Wishes
at KNA's Annual Bonfire**

KNA's annual Bonfire and Sing-along, on its regularly scheduled date of the second Tuesday in December, was another success this year. We had record warm weather in the picnic shelter at Gene Coulon Beach Park, so we were able to fully enjoy the beautiful Ivar's Clam Lights. The s'mores, and hot chocolate and cider were toasty, as neighbors sang carols led by members of the St. Madeleine Sophie Church Choir, and by a group of enthusiastic children.



Our thanks to the annual event hosts, Janice and Jim Dougherty, Sally Rochelle for providing the marshmallow sticks, Darius and Vicki Richards for the firewood, and to all of the neighbors whose attendance made this such a special holiday tradition.
Janice Dougherty, Bonfire Chairman

Kennydale residents Jon & Marilyn Danielson, Torbin & Ginny Hollingsworth, Mike & Ruth Kidd, and Rachel Kihlman shared their church choir skills.....



....and later, this group of neighborhood kids displayed their budding skills!

2015 KNA Activity & Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2015 Calendar of Events, KNA offers a number of neighborhood improvement activities and "special interest" groups. A complete list of these is shown on the Membership Application form. *If any of these sound interesting to you, please call or email the contact persons listed for more information!*

KNA – Hazen High & Kennydale Youth Liaison Devin Dolling*
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Landscape Maintenance Vicki Richards*
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Garage Sale Rajendra Agrawaal*
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Book Club Sharon Weibler
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Ice Cream Socials
(open)

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(open)

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Board Nominating Committee (Open; team members are appointed by KNA President & Board in 3rd quarter of each year)

Historian Pauline Kirkman
425-255-7285

Renton River Days Parade
(open)

Holiday Bonfire Janice Dougherty*
jdoug@mail.com 206-406-1899

* Indicates KNA Board Member

**KNA ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE
A GREAT SUCCESS!**

As in previous years, the students and staff at Kennydale Elementary, along with residents from throughout our neighborhood, responded with an outpouring of canned and boxed food, juices, pasta and other food items. The food drive was held November 3rd through 26th, and as in previous years, all items were donated to the REACH: Center of Hope facility in downtown Renton.

All classes at KE School participated in this drive, and the class collecting the most items was rewarded with a pizza party! Congratulations to Kelli Leininger's 1st Grade class for collecting the most items. In total, the school's students brought in 2231 items, and another 425 items were brought in by neighborhood residents. This year, the count was done based on number of items, rather than by weight. Several times each week, neighborhood volunteers picked up the donated items from barrels in the school's lobby, and delivered them to the Center of Hope. Judging from the very full storage room at the Center on Nov. 26, this was indeed a successful drive.

Special thanks to Ms. Leininger and her first graders, and to all the students (and their parents) and to the staff of KE School, particularly 3rd grade teacher Michele Leuders, who prepared flyers for the students to take home. Thanks also to all the others who supported this year's drive:

Delivery of Collected items to the REACH Center: Lynne Milnor, Tom & Mary Jenkins, Kim Brown, Darius and Vicki Richards, Faye Janders, Jon Danielson and students from Hazen High School
Donation of 4 Extra Large Pizzas: Papa John's, 4710 NE 4th Street in Renton Highlands

~ and all participating residents from throughout Kennydale!
Devin Dolling, Food Drive Chairman



KNA Board members pick up the final load at KE School. From left: Faye Janders, Devin Dolling, and Darius & Vicki Richards



The Center of Hope's Director, Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, receives from Devin the donated food.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE UPDATE

In my other role as Landscape Maintenance Chairperson, I would like to thank the following persons who helped to maintain our adopted sites this year at the Kennydale Beach parking lot, and at the east and west sides of I-405 Exit 6: Dan Norton, Janet Eriksson, Cathy Sanderson, Diana and Kailey Wallace, Laurie Clark, Nancy Denny, Kim, Theo and Aiden Browne, Joy Dolling, Anthony Ramos, Tom Kelmur, and Terri & Mike Hawes....and anybody else I may have overlooked. Everything looks great as a result of your efforts, and it is noticed and appreciated by passers-by!

Vicki Richards

YESTERDAY'S KENNYDALE

The next article in this series, "Schools", written by KNA's Historian and long-time resident Pauline Kirkman will appear in the April 2015 edition of the Kennydale News!

Book Club News - Winter/Spring Schedule

- January 3 – "The Monogram Murders", by Sophie Hannah
Moderator: Annette Sartore
- February 7 - "Gone with The Wind", by Margaret Mitchell
Moderator: Lois Barber
- March 7 - "The Orchardist", by Amanda Chaplin
Moderator: Janis Short
- April 4 - "The Invisible Bridge", by Julie Orringer
Moderator: Gloria Martin

The KNA Book Club welcomes all who are interested in participating. If you are not already on the Club's email list, please contact Chairperson Sharon Weibler at sweibler@hotmail.com or 425-226-9299 for more information, meeting times and locations, etc.

Parents Group Announcement

Special Message for any parents who are expecting or have children not yet in school:
Are you interested in joining a parents group?
If so, please contact Adam or Rebeckah Orton at: rebeckahorton@gmail.com
Possible activities could include: art projects, interest lectures, outings and play groups

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Kennydale Neighborhood Association Membership Application
2015/2016 Annual Membership Fee

\$10 per Individual \$20 each Household, Seniors over 65, \$7 per Household New Member Renewal

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Phone _____ Email _____

How long have you lived in Kennydale? _____

Skills and Interests:
"I would like to get involved in the following areas":

<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Street Captain	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Video	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic & Ice Cream Socials
<input type="checkbox"/> Litter Cleanup	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Refreshments
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Phone Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Lights Judging
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day Celebration	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Renton River Days Float

SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Mail Annual Dues to: Kennydale Neighborhood Association PO Box 3115, Renton, WA 98056
Or Pay via PayPal:
 Go to our website, click on the "MEMBERSHIP TAB" and follow the instructions

Your KNA Membership Includes:

✓ A 10% McLendon's Discount ✓ The Kennydale News Quarterly Newsletter ✓ Notification of Neighborhood Meetings, Events & Important Issues

For more information about KNA, visit www.kennydale.org or call 425-430-4469, or email dariusvicki@msn.com

Cut and mail this form to Kennydale Neighborhood Association

2015 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 (Add to your calendars now!)

January 27th
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,
 Kennydale Elementary
 School Cafeteria

April 25th
 Neighborhood Earth Day
 Celebration

April 28th
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,
 Kennydale Elementary
 School Cafeteria

June 13th
 Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 25th
 KNA Ice Cream Social
 AND Movie, 6:30 pm
 Kennydale Lion's Park

August 18th
 KNA Ice Cream Social
 6:30 pm
 Kennydale Lion's Park

September
(Exact Date TBD)
 KNA Annual
 Neighborhood Picnic
 5:30 - 7:30 pm,
 Kennydale Lion's Park

October 27th
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,
 Kennydale Elementary
 School Cafeteria

December 8th
 KNA Bonfire &
 Marshmallow Roast
 6:30 pm,
 Gene Coulon Park
 North Shelter

KNA's New "Join at Your Convenience" Feature

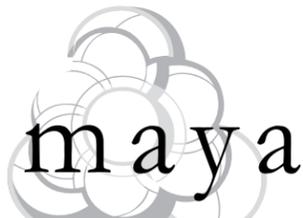
In the past, we have encouraged people to join or renew their memberships in January, but we now recognize that some people prefer to join in the spring, or at one of the Ice Cream Socials, or at the Neighborhood Picnic, or whenever else works best for them. So, to make the whole process easy (and fair) for you, our record-keeping has been modified to give you a full year's membership regardless of when you join.....and as an alternative to the US Mail, you can pay your dues via PayPal!

Simply go to the KNA website at www.kennydale.org , click on the "Membership" tab, and follow the easy instructions there.

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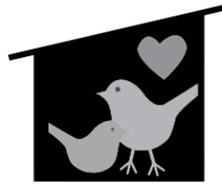


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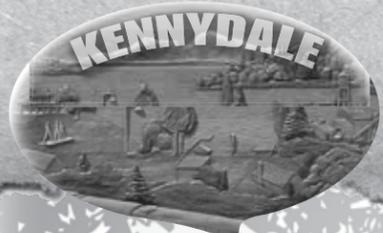


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